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AUTOMATIC EXPOSURE CONTROL

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. No additional fee is required.

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